

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 – Administration by repealing Section 2.10.080, relating to the Children's Services Inspector General, in its entirety. This ordinance also amends Title 6 – Salaries with the creation of Section 6.44.060, relating to the Children's Special Investigation Unit.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration and Title 6 - Salaries of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Children's Services Inspector General and the Children's Special Investigation Unit, respectively.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.10.080 is hereby repealed in its entirety:

~~2.10.080 Children's services inspector general.~~

~~— A. As part of the administration of the county's child protective services program, in order to identify improvements in the program designed to prevent recurrence of child deaths due to abuse or neglect, there is created in the department of the auditor-controller the position of children's services inspector general. The children's services inspector general is responsible for performing independent and impartial reviews and investigations of the processes, procedures, actions and omissions preceding the death due to abuse or neglect, or certain cases where a child has been reunified and then subjected again to abuse or neglect, of any child of a family known to the department of children and family services or the juvenile dependency court. The children's services inspector general shall provide the board of supervisors comprehensive and confidential analyses and reports of the facts and findings of such reviews and investigations and appropriate recommendations. This position is not intended to duplicate the comprehensive work of the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, but rather to focus on specific cases known to the juvenile dependency court and the department of children and family services.~~

~~— B. In order to carry out these duties, the children's services inspector general shall obtain and maintain as confidential, information for these investigations associated with the juvenile dependency court, and department of children and family services. The children's services inspector general shall also provide case analysis and recommendations to the board of supervisors that identify proactive steps that can be taken within the county system to eliminate, to the extent possible, child deaths or additional incidences of abuse or neglect resulting from reunification.~~

~~— C. The sheriff, the district attorney, and all other county officers, employees and contractors shall cooperate in such reviews and investigations and promptly supply any information or records requested by the children's services inspector general.~~

~~— D. The confidentiality of any and all confidential information received in connection with such reviews and investigations shall be safeguarded and maintained. Such information may only be provided by the children's services inspector general to the board of supervisors and those individuals within the department of the auditor-controller who are directly connected to the performance of this function.~~

SECTION 2. Section 6.44.060 is hereby added to read as follows:

6.44.060 Children's Special Investigation Unit

A. As part of the administration of the County's child protective services program, the Children's Special Investigations Unit (CSIU) is created in the department of the Board of Supervisors.

B. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, individual members of the Board of Supervisors, or the director of the Department of Children and Family

Services, the CSIU shall perform independent legal reviews, including conducting impartial investigations to enhance the legal reviews as needed, of cases involving child death or serious injury caused by abuse or neglect.

C. The CSIU shall work under the direction of a licensed attorney who serves as special counsel to the Board of Supervisors, and all reports of the CSIU shall be provided directly to the Board of Supervisors on a confidential attorney-client basis.

D. The Department of Children and Family Services and all other County departments, County officers, employees and contractors shall cooperate in such reviews and promptly supply any information or records requested by the CSIU to the extent permitted by law.

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